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SUBJECT: N.Y. TIMES STORY ON IRANIAN PURCHASE OF C-5'S.

1. IN FRONT-PAGE NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE DECEMBER 2, RICHARD WITKIN WRITES HIGH-LEVEL IRANIAN-AMERICAN TALKS WERE HELD WASHINGTON LAST WEEK ON OFFER BY SHAH TO PAY FOR REOPENING LOCKHEED'S C-5A PRODUCTION LINE. WITKIN ARTICLE QUOTES "INDUSTRY SOURCES" AS SAYING IRAN WISHES TO BUY 10 OF THE 55 MILLION DOLLAR PLANES. ARTICLE CLAIMS DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN UNDERWAY FOR MORE THAN 6 MONTHS, BUT THAT SHAH HAS NOW DROPPED ORIGINAL REQUIREMENT THAT U.S. COMMIT ITSELF TO BUY ADDITIONAL C-5A'S TO REPAY IRAN PARTIALLY FOR THE COST OF GETTING THE PRODUCTION LINE GOING AGAIN. THIS OUTLAY ESTIMATED AT 175 MILLION DOLLARS. WITKIN ARTICLE SAYS MAIN THING THAT APPEARED TO BE HOLDING UP PLAN WAS "A STUDY BY FORD ADMINISTRATION OF THE BROAD STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS OF FURNISHING C-5A'S TO THE MIDDLE EAST."

2. IN ADDITION TO C-5 STORY, WITKIN ARTICLE ALSO REVIEWS PRESS STORIES THAT APPEARED OVER LAST WEEKEND THAT LOCKHEED HAD TURNED DOWN A TENTATIVE ARAB PROPOSAL LAST SPRING TO  
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PURCHASE 41 PERCENT OF ITS COMMON STOCK.

3. WE ARE DEVELOPING PRESS GUIDANCE ON LOCKHEED STORY.  
SUGGEST YOU REFER ANY QUESTIONS ON SUBJECT TO DEPT. KISSINGER

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